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FOLLOWING REPEAT BUCHAREST 1549 ACTION SECSTATE  
INFO DIA WASHDC I OSD/ISA WASHDC CINCUSNAVEUR  
USCINCEUR COMSIXTHFLEET USDAO BELGRADE 10 APRIL.

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BUCHAREST 1549

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MPOL, RO

SUBJECT: ROMANIAN PORT VISIT (C)

REF: CINCUSNAVEUR MESSAGE NO3128, DTG 011830Z APR 75

1. (C) INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF REFERENCE IS NOT  
TOTALLY ACCURATE. GENERAL COMAN, AS FAR AS IT IS KNOWN  
HERE, DID NOT STATE A DESIRE FOR A U.S. SHIP VISIT TO  
A ROMANIAN PORT IN MAY OR JUNE IN CONNECTION WITH  
V-E CELEBRATION. DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO THE U.S.,  
THE MATTER OF A FUTURE SHIP VISIT, WITHOUT TIME FRAME, WAS  
MENTIONED TO GENERAL COMAN, BY DATT BUCHAREST, TO WHICH  
HE REACTED FAVORABLY. ALSO, ROMANIAN ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON  
MENTIONED SUCH A POSSIBILITY TO THE DATT. IN ADDITION,  
AN INVITATION WAS ORALLY EXTENDED TO GEN COMAN BY VICE  
ADMIRAL JOSEPH MORRER, DEPUTY CNO, TO SEND A ROMANIAN  
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TRAINING SHIP TO NEW YORK TO PARTICIPATE IN "OPERATION

SAIL" AS PART OF THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS IN 1976.  
HE ALSO REACTED FAVORABLY TO THAT BUT GAVE NO FIRM  
COMMITMENT. FOLLOWING RETURN TO BUCHAREST HE TOLD AMBASSADOR  
BARNES SHIP VISIT IDEA WAS BEING STUDIED.

2. (C) IT IS LIKELY THAT ROMANIANS WOULD AGREE TO A  
U.S. SHIP VISIT IN ACCORD WITH THEIR POLICY OF PROMOTING  
MULTIPLE CONTACTS WITH ALL COUTRIES. SUCH A VISIT  
WOULD ALSO ASSISIT IN THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF US-GOR  
BILATERAL RELATIONS. APPROACH AND TIMING HOWEVER OF  
SUCH A VISIT ARE IMPORTANT. VISIT SHOULD BE A ROUTINE ONE  
AND NEED NOT BE TIED TO CELEBRATION OF THE ALLIED VICTORY  
IN WWII. IN FACT, WE HAD UNDERSTOOD FROM STATE 57493 (NOTAL)  
PARA 5 THAT NO NAVAL VISITS WERE PLANNED FOR THE BLACK SEA  
IN THIS CONNECTION. THE TIMING SHOULD BE ARRANGED SO  
AS NOT TO APPEAR THAT WE ARE PUSHING ROMANIANS TOO FAST  
AFTER COMAN VISIT TO U.S.

3. (C) SUGGEST THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO POSSIBILITY  
OF A PORT VISIT TO CONSTANTA IN JUNE 1975. IF AGREED,  
AS LOW KEY PROPOSAL COULD BE MADE TO THE ROMANIANS  
FOR ONE OF THREE PERIODS: 13-16 JUNE; 20-23 JUNE; OR 28  
JUNE - 1 JULY 75 TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF USS WAINWRIGHT  
AVAILABILITY (REFTEL). IF ONE OF THESE PERIODS IS NOT  
SUITABLE WITH ROMANIAN PLANS, A SUITABLE SUBSEQUENT  
PERIOD COULD BE NEGOTIATED.  
BARNES UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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